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NO RACIST COPS, NO KKK, NO FASCIST USA!

In the wake of the beating of Rodney King by L.A. cops, there has been a virtual coup d'etat in L.A. by supporters of Chief Gates. In a democracy, the civilian, elected leadership is supposed to control the military. But here in L.A., it seems like the opposite is true. The L.A. City Council, blatantly capitulating to Gates, ordered the City Attorney to agree to settle out of court a lawsuit brought by the chief after he was placed on paid leave by the Police Commission. The Council decision meant Gates missed only a single day as chief. City Council Pres. Ferraro engineered a joint press conference with Gates and Mayor Bradley at which the trio called for "quieting the rhetoric" and "getting on with the business of government". The business of government appears to be police repression.

The city's political elite has collapsed before the powerful police chief, which some speculate may be because of dirt that the cops have turned up about members of the Council and other politicians. The LAPD spied on most of the city's civic leaders for years, and as part of an agreement to get them to stop, everyone had to agree not to say what they had on whom. But in less refined circles, this is called blackmail. Perhaps Gates' life tenure in office is similar to that of fascist FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover, who knew the skeletons in every closet in Washington DC.

THE WAR AT HOME

It's up to the people to fight back. 7,000 people rallied outside Parker Center to demand the ouster of Chief Gates and an end to police brutality on April 6, after a march through downtown, in which police estimated that over 1000 onlookers joined in. Most were African American, but there was also a larger than ever, but still disappointing, turnout of other nationalities. There were mostly-white contingents from Queer Nation and ACTUP-L.A. and significant Hispanic and Asian / Pacific participation. The L.A. Coalition Against U.S. Intervention in the Middle East organized a very small feeder march and car caravan. Where are all the people who mobilized against the war in the Gulf? How can they stay silent on a war at home?

THE COPS AND THE KLAN

Meanwhile, more information continues to come out about organized white supremacist involvement in the L.A. police. In response to a letter from a supposed L.A. cop, the White Knights of the KKK, a para-military Klan faction based in Oklahoma, which is close to southern California neo-nazi leader Tom Metzger, has sent recruiting letters to over 100 officers, at both precinct houses and their homes. Dennis Mahon of the White Knights claims to have received more than fifty responses to the recruiting literature. This followed on the heels of disclosures that at least two Black officers at the Foothill Division station, where the beating of King took place, had been harassed with Ku Klux Klan literature that could only have come from fellow cops.

Gates was quick to condemn the Klan activity, saying that he would try to expel Klansmen from the police force. But new disclosures also highlight the pattern of racist violence by the force. Yet another of the officers involved in beating King has turned out to be the object of an unnecessary brutality law suit, after it was disclosed that he had broken a Latino man's elbow with his baton and minimized the use of force in his police report of that incident.

Weekly demonstrations are scheduled to continue on Saturday mornings outside police headquarters, and the next major mobilization is scheduled for May 11. A 24-hour-a-day vigil is going on outside Parker Center until then. A ballot initiative would have voters decide on a recall of Chief Gates, who can be removed from office by voters even though he is not an elected official. 60,000 signatures are required by August 9 to put the recall on the ballot. A second initiative, developed by a Coalition for Justice and Civilian Review Board, revives a call for an elected board, with 15 members elected from distinct communities, that would have the authority over police and the right to make payments to victims of police abuse. A spokesperson for the civilian review board campaign, former Black Panther Michael Zinzun, is currently suing Chief Gates and Assistant Chief Vernon over Vernon's use of police intelligence files on Zinzun to provide a computer printout to Zinzun's opponent in a Pasadena election, another example of the police trying to control the civilian political process. The City Attorney's office had recommended settling out of court but the City Council refused to authorize the payment.

PART calls on all progressive people to turn out on May 11 and to join in the campaign to end police bruatlity, assert community control over the police, and expose and uproot the white supremacists on the police. Klansmen in uniform and demagogic politicians who dance to the tune of the police chief are the ingredients of fascism. PART has just produced a new research report called "Blue by Day, White by Night" exposing KKK and neo-nazi involvement in police departments, the military and among prison guards over the last decade. It's vital reading, and places the local events in L.A. in a national and historical context. It's available for $2.00 postpaid from PART, P.O. Box 1990, Burbank CA 91507.

LETTERS TO PART

TTT --

I was reading your last issue and saw that Orange Park, FL was on the hate crime update list for the racist literature that was spread around the high school. The lit was a joke and the guy who spread it is a joke ... who likes to play skinhead every now and then. All the skins around here (racist and non-racist) hate him. As a matter of fact, the same week he spread the racist b.s., he got his ass kicked at a local Burger king. Other than that idiot, the only trouble we have with boneheads is at our beach and clubs. Any SHARP or ARA chapter that wants to write or come down and help us with our problem is more than welcome!

Nazis are a joke!

-Chris, Orange Park FL

An Open Letter to White America:

When we thought drug abuse was confined to Blacks in the inner cities, we did nothing about drug abuse. When we thought gang killings were confined to Latino youths in the nner cities of this country, we weren't interested in gang killings. When we thought AIDS was confined to gay men, prostitutes and IV drug users, we were not interested in AIDS. And now we seem to think that police abuse is confined to a young, Black male motorist, who, after all, did violate a traffic law, and we aren't interested in police abuse.

Perhaps it's time for us to think again.

Lynn F. Kessler, Ph.D.

Dear TTT -

I read a letter in your last issue I wanted to contest. I'm sick of hearing the on-going battle between violent and non-violent anti-racist activists. I think both sides need to unite to win this war.

I don't know what the boneheads are like in other cities, but here in Ottawa, they will beat you up if you're anti-racist even if you tell them you don't want to scrap. I also know that when you beat up a bonehead, they often don't come back for more; in fact, their friends look at him and say, "Oh, god, Billy's crippled. I think I want out."

But the main problem I have with a purely self-defense posture is the fact that boneheads will only go at you when they think they'll win, so if your anti-racist group adopts a purely self-defense "you punch me first" attitude, your membership will continually get picked off until there is no one left to stand up to the boneheads.

Of course, it's also crucial to get as much media as possible and as much contact with other organizations and the public. I hope people will see the light and see that direct action and positive public perception can go hand in hand. Incidently, we have a wicked skin 'zine for $3.00 called Colourblind so if you're interested, please write.

Stay smart, stay SHARP, Liam
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Dear PART:

Enclosed is a donation. I know it's not a hell of a lot, but I'll send more once my slavecheck I mean paycheck comes in.

Well, I see L.A. is burning up with racist attacks by cops. I really feel for that guy who got beaten by the cops. Now they're saying he had alcohol and pot in his system. This sounds like bullshit because those drugs could have been in his system up to three days. I can't believe the cops went that far. Now you have to protect yourself from everybody!

The anti-Arab attitudes around here is booming. I feel sorry for the Arabs in this area because the rednecks and other racist assholes harass them. I read in some biased magazine that now the "allies" (U.S., U.K., etc.) hope that Saddam Hussein stays in power because they're afraid if the Kurdish rebels and their allies overthrow him. I hope the Kurds do win, because they've been suppressed by everyone and they deserve their rights as human beings.

Love,
Steve,
Yankee A.Y.F.
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Dear PART:

One of my arguments against people who hated racist skins, back when I was a racist skin, used to be that "Isn't it racist to hate a racist?" The law says that in order for it to be a racist crime, the crime must be against a person or group because of race or religion. Well, white supremacy skins take their racist beliefs as a religion. Therefor, any group that physically does something against a racist, because he is a racist, is racist themselves. Maybe you could help clarify this idea a little in your next letter?

Allen, Arizona State Prison

PART REPLIES:

Dear Allen,

You raise an interesting point. Anti-racists need to begin to define ourselves more by what we are for, than what we are against. We need to stand for freedom, equality, self-determination and respect, and not get caught up in trying to be the mirror opposite of one particular variety of racist that we oppose.

That said, however, there's a difference between acts of racist violence on the one hand, and confronting, even attacking, racists (whether out of hatred of racists, or out of love for humanity) on the other. Racists and bigots have historically been motivated by an irrational hatred for members of another group. To the extent their actions have a rationale, it has been to steal what members of the group it stigmatizes has, or to protect the privileges of the dominant group.

Actions against racists, however, are taken against individuals who have defined themselves by virtue of their own ideologies and actions. A racist can and should relieve himself from the onus of opposition by correcting his ideology and practice, without thereby denying his identity or humanity.

Racists have never given their victims that option, as expressed in the hateful American slogan "the only good injun is a dead injun." Hitler slaughtered even the grand-children of Jews who had converted to Christianity. Race-conscious America defines "quadroons" and "octaroons" by measuring the percentage of "tainted" blood, as Black.

INTERVIEW WITH AN EX-NAZI/BONEHEAD

Thank you for responding to my letter, and thanks for the issue of TTT. I've never read a non-racist newsletter before. There are a few things I'd like to point out that aren't exactly right. The reason I know is because of my background of which I'll say more later.

You have a nazi alert about the National Front and Church of the Creator in Colorado. National Front is a skinhead group, and C.O.T.C. is a religion. The two don't coincide in their beliefs. NF is pagan (Woden and Thor beliefs) and C.O.T.C. believes in nature and such. I'll send you a COTC flyer along with this letter.

Now I'll get to your questions:

Q: When did you join the Hammerskins?

A: I became a skinhead when I was 14 years old. I hung out with different skinhead groups in L.A. and later in Phoenix AZ. When I was 16, I started a racist skinhead group in Phoenix called " un Valley kins." A year or two later, we became a WAR skins chapter. WAR dropped us because they said we were too violent, and we then became a Hammerskin chapter.

Q: What attracted you to the nazi-skins?

A: The power that the skins had at shows. I saw punk rockers scared of skins, and I wanted a piece of that power. At that time I never knew how much power I'd have someday.

Q: When and why did you split from the racist skinheads?

A: I left a little over a year ago. Two of my so-called "brothers" went to get a permit to march in Phoenix for Hitler's birthday. Two federal agents were there. I had warrants for my arrest (for aggravated assault). The agents told them they couldn't get their permit unless they told where I was. They told, and I was arrested when they had their little march! In my cell I've had a lot of time to think about if all this was worth spending the rest of my life in prison. It wasn't!

Q: Where do the Hammerskins operate or have affiliates?

A: The Hammerskins are a nation-wide organization. It's divided by sections: Confederate Hammer Skins are in the southern states, Western Hammer, Eastern Hammer and Northern Hammer (in their respective regions). Every state and large city has a Hammer Skin group. I was the regional director for all the Western Hammer Skins. There was only one person above me, the National Director who came from the founding chapter in Dallas Texas.

Q: What are relations like between men and women in the group?

A: There was always respect, the woman always did as the man said. The woman took care of their man, and were expected to fight over their men if they fell in a fight. All the men are expected to do is protect their women and give them security. I'd like to add that my fiance has left me and taken our (at the time two-month-old) son away from me because I'm not a racist anymore.

Q: What is the family income background of the members?

A: Most were from middle-class to rich kids, who just wanted to rebel.

Q: How do they relate to anti-racist skins and other anti-racists?

A: With deep hard hate. As an example from Tom Metzger's mouth, "Race traitors are the biggest enemy of the white man." They will go to any lengths to find and try to wipe out any anti-racists. It seems their biggest concern now is with SHARP.

If there are any more questions you'd like answered, maybe for your next issue, I'd like to hear from you. I'm willing to help all anti-racist groups that I can, and if there's anyone who just wants to write, they can also. All my friends I had before won't talk to me. I'm not racist anymore and they don't want anything to do with me.

Well, that's about it for now. Keep up the good work with your newsletter.

Allen Moller
Arizona State Prison

P.S. I'm sorry about my spelling, but I was born in Germany and lived there until I was 12, so I still have problems spelling in English.

DEVELOPING ANTI-RACIST WORK

We get a lot of letters from individuals out there concerned about racist terror and organizing in their area and wondering what to do. We encourage everyone to start where they're at to develop anti-racist work and organizing. Even one person can establish an anti-racist focus and attract others with the same feelings and concerns.

Talk to your friends, classmates, teachers or people you work with. Maybe even people in your family, or neighbors, will share your ideas. You can start to put out a 'zine without much effort. There's lots of material you can use in newsletters, other 'zines, national anti-klan resources like those listed in this issue. You can get stickers and flyers from these groups that you post, or reprint with a local address, preferably a p.o. box.

If you've got a few bucks to spare, most cities have answering services which can take your messages for $10 or $15 a month. We recommend that you not use the "voice bulletin boards" where you can get an answering service based on a computer that allows you to record your own message and then record incoming calls. They are too easily jammed up by harassing phone calls. Tom Metzger's WAR has been using one such system, American Voice Retrieval, to project his hate-mongering into several dozen cities. Boycotting AVR if it's in your town, and giving the nazi hate-lines a dose of the harassment they dish out, may be called for.

Find out if there's an established civil rights group in your area. Also, there are peace movement and religious groups around the country who are concerned about racism. The YWCA has a strong and active commitment against racism. Build alliances with other anti-bigotry groups, such as ACTUP and Queer Nation, Women's Clinic Defense Groups, etc. Some of these groups are not always receptive to young people or new ideas, but they're a place to start.

Once you begin to publicize your concern, especially if you're making people aware of racist activity in your area, you'll probably quickly come into contact with at least a few other people who will want to work with you. With some support, you can begin to do things like leaflet music shows and other more public activity which will spread the word even further.

Also, PART itself needs all the help and support it can get to keep putting out this newsletter and carry out other anti-racist work.

We're asking our readers to help us out in a few ways:

1] Keep writing your letters in to us, and call. Your moral support and encouragement is really important. Excuse us if we don't always write back personally or at length. We'd be happy to print more letters and articles from our readers. To make that easier, please type them single spaced with a dark ribbon, about 4 inches wide.

2] Send us news clippings and your own reports about racist and anti-racist developments in your area. Even here in southern California, there's a lot going on that never makes the papers or the tube, outside of any one locality's newspaper. This is an important way to build an anti-racist network. Use our telephone message line (818-509-3435).

3] List us in your 'zines and organizational newsletters. That's the main way word of *Turning the Tide* gets around.

4] Send us some cash. Lots of folks still get the newsletter free or maybe sent in a couple of stamps a couple of issues ago. We increased the press run of TTT substantially with the last issue, and have also incurred a lot of costs in updating and reprinting our Research Reports. If TTT is helpful to you, please send a few bucks our way.

Now that mailing costs have gone up again, we are purging our list of most of the freebies we've been sending out. Everybody can afford to send a little. We operate on a shoe-string, without foundation or big-bucks support, but we really need all the little contributions. Cut out a couple of bad habits, like booze or tobacco (most of the liquor and smoking companies bankroll racism anyway). Send us the money you save.

Next issue will be Vol. IV, #4 (July-Aug. 1991). Subscriptions are $5 for a one-year (six issue) sub to cover our costs. Overseas, add $5 for the extra postage and handling. Sample copies are one dollar. Elsewhere in this issue is a current literature list and order blank for anti-racist materials available from PART. Order some and distribute them. There's no copyright on our material. If you're a movement store or organization, order a copy and reprint it, and distribute it for cost. That'll save us and you a lot of hassle and postage tied up in handling returns, etc. Just make sure our address appears on it so people can order directly from us if they want to.

5] Get your school or public library to order TTT (and other anti-racist publications). Institutional subscriptions to Turning the Tide are $10 a year and will include copies of all leaflets and other material put out by PART. For example, we have flyers out about Racist Terror and Homophobia, Operation Rescue and the Racist Right, Christian Identity and Neo-Nazi Theology, and the Neo-Nazi Assault on the Schools, as well as our research reports.

PART has been involved in a number of anti-racist activities and mobilizations recently. PART marched in the L.A. Student Coalition demonstration against apartheid, hate crimes and war in the Mid East and Central America on Martin Luther King's birthday. Michael Novick, editor of TTT spoke to about 1500 people, mostly high school students, at this rally, focusing on hate crimes committed during the war and the necessity for the anti-war movement to be an anti-racist movement. The coalition of L.A. high school students took the streets on their march and conducted a highly successful die-in at the South African consulate in Beverly Hills.

PART also co-sponsored a candle-light rally and march against hate crimes in the San Fernando Valley on King Day with the Valley Interfaith Council, the Greens, Queer Nation, SHARP and several other groups PART is working with this same coalition on a follow-up work-shop to promote unity in diversity.

Finally PART is participating in the campaign to stop police brutality and oust Chief Gates in L.A. Local subscribers will have received a flyer we are distributing about the cops and the Klan.

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TAKING POWER

FIGHTING BACK

We have to say women's issues and violence against women have to be on the agenda for all progressive work or *we don't work.*

SUZANNE PHARR HAS BEEN AN ORGANIZER in the southern United States for more than 20 years. She founded and is currently director of the Little Rock, Arkansas-based Women's Project. She is also the author of Homophobia: A Weapon of Sexism, *what Barbara Smith has described as "perfectly timed to help us comprehend and combat the escalating homophobia and racist violence that is the bitter legacy of the Reagan years." Farr was recently the keynote speaker for the International Women's Day Celebration at Portland State University last month. Pat McGuire and Jonathan Mozzochi of the Coalition for Human Dignity transcribed and edited her keynote address below.*

History of the Women's Project

I AM GOING TO TALK ABOUT VIOLENCE against women and white male supremacy and give you a little history of the work that we've been trying to do in Arkansas, along with an understanding of what we've come to in doing that. I'll end with strategies for doing that work. We have a lot of work to do for the integration of women into the agenda of looking at violence against specific groups such as people of color, Jews, Catholics, gay men and lesbians.

What we chose to do at the Women's Project was develop a project to monitor hate groups like the Klan or the Aryan Nations. They make forays out into the state or region to attack people of color, to attack Jews, to attack gay men and lesbians. We have the Ku Klux Klan, we have a good number of people from the Aryan Nations and the Order, and we have lots of Christian Identity churches. In fact it's sort of hard in Arkansas to tell who's who on the church stuff. We don't have very many skinheads, but we have lots of people who are doing serious hate work, or violence work. And so we decided to monitor those. But that is not enough.

We really want to make two differences in our work. At the time we really didn't think about them as being major differences, but one of the things we really wanted was a community-based approach. We wanted to enlist women from around the state to work with us to do this monitoring. We wanted to not only look at the hate groups, we wanted to look at individual acts of violence, of hate violence against people. So we decided to use a community-based approach and to get (at this point) 200 women in the state to work with us to monitor the activities of the hate groups. These women also send us the clippings of men who kill women, white people who attack people of color, gentiles who attack Jews, and heterosexuals who attack gay men and lesbians. Somehow, somebody needed to give people a place to take their best feelings for social justice; their desires for hope, and for being able to change things. So we wanted to involve people with us in this project. That's the approach we took; it's a community-based approach.

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The second thing we decided to do was include women. We didn't know at the time that all the other groups didn't include women. It just never occurred to us *not* to, because the mandate of the Women's Project is to work against both sexism and racism. With our history of working with women, and seeing violence against women, we didn't know there would be a debate.

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act

THAT BILL INCLUDED PEOPLE OF COLOR, GAY men and lesbians, Jews and Catholics. It did not include women. Women were there advocating for our inclusion, but we were deliberately left out. I as a lesbian was very happy, and surprised, that gay men and lesbians were included; I thought that was great organizing work. But what did I do with the rest of myself? I am not just a lesbian. I walk around the world as a female. What do I do about the crimes that occur to me simply because of my gender? People said, "Well, women of color are covered in it, lesbians are covered, Jewish women are covered, the only people left out are white women." *Excuse me?* What then does a woman of color do when she's attacked, not because of her race, but because of her gender? What does a Jewish woman do when she's attacked, not because of being a Jew, but because of her gender? Where is she to go? And what about all of those white women who are maimed? Who are brutalized? Who are killed, because of their gender? That sent the rage of women soaring. When that happened, women all over this country who knew about it said, "This is it, I've had enough. I'm not going to take this anymore." I believe women are about to make some very remarkable changes.

Suzanne Pharr of The Women's Project

Hate Violence

WHAT THESE GROUPS OF PEOPLE (WOMEN, people of color, lesbians and gay men) have in common is the way in which they get killed. I'm debating right now whether it should be called hate violence or not. I think it should be called institutionally supported violence. But I think the reason it's called hate violence is because it's so extreme; because it is so brutal; because it is so horrible. What you find as you look at how people are killed or attacked because of their religion, sexual identity or race, is *overkill*.... They're not just stabbed once, but over and over again. There's almost always an element of sexuality in it, where they're killed or how they're killed. Often an issue of abduction, torture or mutilation is a part of how this is done.

One of the things that has become of great issue to us is looking at how gay men get killed and how women get killed. Look at the killing of a gay man and the killing of a woman and you see extraordinary similarities between the two. Overkill, sexual aspects, torture, mutilation, beating, being strangled to death. Why is it that gay men are so hated? Gay men are killed because they're seen not only as a threat to male power and control, because they've moved outside of the ownership of women, but also I believe that they are killed because they are perceived as either being women or being like women.

Women are not targeted solely because of gender by hate groups, though they target women who are of color, Jews, or lesbians. I believe they don't target us specifically as women *because they don't have to.* The job is already being done for them. We're already being wiped out.

We have to define violence against women as institutionally supported and fostered. We need to talk about how that works, how institutions do that and hold those institutions accountable. I think we've got to recreate those institutions. I don't think we can reform them. I don't have a hope in hell for the criminal justice system. I think we have to figure out how to create institutions that support our lives across the board.

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Strategies

WE HAVE TO CONFRONT MEN WHO ARE PROgressive and challenge them. We have to say women's issues and violence against women have to be on the agenda for all progressive work or *we don't work.* We have to say to them that we are talking about not just white supremacy, we're talking about white *male* supremacy. That includes the way they might collude in that.

The big problem is not just the white supremacist groups; we can't just focus on them. We've got to look at the whole picture, or we let everybody else off the hook. I think that's critical: to keep an eye on them [white supremacist groups] and keep their butts running. To keep them agitated and keep them nervous. Do what we can to stop that growth of the Nazi approach to life in America. But if we miss everything on this side of that which destroys the lives of people of color, of Jews, of gay men and lesbians, or of women, we will not have succeeded in our work.

We *have* to be able to name who's doing the killing, without using euphemisms or "gender neutral language." We need to talk about the perpetrators of violence in a way that makes sense to people; in a way in which we can hold them accountable, and be fearless in doing that. I believe we are capable of doing that. We have to do it. To be "gender neutral" in that instance does not make sense. It simply obscures the picture.

-PORTLAND ALLIANCE (See credit line)

ANTI-RACIST RESOURCES FROM PART

Assorted back issues of *Turning the Tide* are available at 50 cents each. Most issues are now out of print, but if you'd like to see a selection of what we still have on hand of issues going back to Vol. I #1, send in a couple of bucks. All orders will receive free copies of PART's position papers, such as Anti-Abortion Terror and the Racist Right; Homophobia and Racist Terror; Christian Identity: Neo-Nazi Theology; the Neo-Nazi Assault on the Schools; and No Racist Cops! No KKK!.

PART has also produced several research reports. The reports were all recently updated and reprinted and are now available for $2.00 each post paid; or a $10.00 supporting sub to *Turning the Tide* will get you all the position papers, and future ones as we release them.

Report #1: KLAN-TV
An expose of the use of cable and broadcast TV by Tom Metzger and other neo-nazis to promote their strategy for race war.

Report #2: ENGLISH ONLY:
TROJAN HORSE FOR FASCISM
Exposes the hard core racists and fascists financing the attack on language rights of minorities.

Report #3: WOMEN'S RIGHTS – TARGET FOR RACIST TERROR: Anti-Abortion Violence and the Racist Right
A full-length examination of the extensive connections between the anti-abortion movement and neo-nazi groups and ideology.

Report #4: HISTORY OF THE KKK
Analyzes the rise and fall of the Klan during three periods of U.S. history, and the relationship of the state to racist terror. Includes reviews of several recent books about the Klan and nazis.

Report #5: WOLVES IN PEACE CLOTHING
A report on neo-nazi and KKK infiltration of the peace movement around the Gulf War and related anti-Jewish and anti-Arab hate crime activity.

Report #6: BLUE BY DAY, WHITE BY NIGHT: The Cops and the Klan
A report on organized white supremacist activity inside police and sheriff's departments, the FBI, military and correctional institutions.

Stop Hate Crimes Video:
Two half-hour segments of a cable TV talk show produced by the Rainbow Coalition, featuring a PART spokesperson and an anti-racist band member. VHS only, $15.00.

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People Against Racist Terror (PART) is a new local group forming to oppose the dangerous growth in racist violence in the L.A. area. We are actively seeking new members who agree with our general perspective.

We feel that left unopposed, the white racist movement poses a threat to the safety of Black and other oppressed people, and to all progressive minded people. We want to take up the responsibility within the white community of opposing all forms of racism and reaction, and of building support for the Black liberation struggle and other similar movements.

We oppose male supremacy and anti-gay and anti-woman violence and want to unite with other like-minded, progressive people. We think that these ills are deeply rooted in our whole social system and history and will require great, transformative efforts to uproot.

If you're concerned about the rising tide of racist and anti-semitic violence, if you want to learn about alternatives to the current system of white supremacy, such as self-determination for oppressed groups in the U.S., get in touch with us.
Be *PART* of the solution!

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COLORADO:

HITLER ROSE, HITLER FELL— NEO-NAZIS CAN GO TO HELL!

35 neo-nazis celebrating Adolf Hitler's birthday in Denver on April 20 were out-numbered 50 to one by protesters in an angry confrontation. Police on motorcycles and horseback used dogs to keep the two groups apart during the standoff at the Colorado state capitol building. Ten counter-demonstrators were arrested on minor charges, and one cop was hit in the head with a can or brick. Our correspondent in CO says nazis were also pelted with eggs and horse manure.

The nazi boneheads and other followers of white supremacist groups, some in Nazi uniforms or KKK robes, tried to listen to speakers at the Capitol rally, while 1700 protestors chanted loudly and urged passing motorists to honk their horns, drowning out the speakers. Overhead, a plane flew by trailing a banner: "Racism is ignorance."

After the rally, angry Black and Mexicano demonstrators confronted some of the white supremacists as they left the Capitol for the bus terminal earlier than intended. The police hustled the nazis double-time onto a bus they brought up to evacuate them. Demonstrators pelted it with bottles and rocks, breaking one of the windows. As the rally broke up, the white racists were spat on and their cars kicked. Our correspondent says Ed Novak of the KKK had his hood pulled off, and the nazi "leaders" fled in cars, abandoning their bonehead followers to the crowd's righteous anger.

The counter-demonstrators had ignored pleas from city officials to stay away and ignore the nazis. They waved banners reading "No Hitlers in Colorado," and "Never Again."

VIRGINIA:

A CROSS BURNING IS AN ACT OF RACIST TERROR!

A 16-year-old student who was charged with burning a cross on the grounds of Fairfax High in Virginia last Dec. 6, following a week of incidents that had incited racial tensions at the school, got off when a Virginia family court judge called the cross-burning "free speech." The burning cross symbol has been a Klan activity since Reconstruction. Cross-burnings are meant to terrorize and intimidate; unchallenged they lead to assaults, arson, and lynchings.

But despite VA's law against burning a cross with intent to intimidate, Chief Family Court Judge Jane P. Delbridge threw out the felony charge in April. The case was closed to the public because it involved a juvenile. The teenager's family has moved out of the state so he won't return to the school which had suspended him after the incident.

The cross-burner's lawyer argued that "cross burning, like flag burning, is a form of symbolic speech." Assistant prosecutor Steve Brigilia said that the Virginia code discourages "acts of violence, such as those associated with the Ku Klux Klan." He said the law isn't too broad because it applies only to situations in which a cross is burned in order to intimidate.

The teen was arrested Dec. 6 for burning a cross on the front lawn of Fairfax HS. Previous incidents included racial slurs, a fight between a black and a white student, two brothers driving through the school's parking lot waving a large Confederate flag, and grafitti in the bathroom saying, "The South Will Rise Again." According to Virginia's law, any person who goes onto the property of another or on a public property and burns a cross with the intent to intimidate someone else is guilty of a felony.

"You may not intend to express anything by lighting a cross in your neighbor's basement to test out a smoke alarm. But under the statute, you're presumed to be a felon," the boy's lawyer protested. "Cross lighting" is a term used exclusively by the KKK in an attempt to dignify the act. The lawyer claimed that some forms of intimidation should be protected. "All forms of intimidation can't be criminalized," he said. "If someone burns a cross to make a point like we're segregationists or white supremacists, it's something for which they should be scorned. But, it's a political statement. As unsettling as some people may find it, they have the right to say it under our Constitution."

This argument is phony. Flag-burning is an act associated with protest of war, genocide and political repression; it is a defiance of the state power by oppressed people. Cross-burning is an act associated with night-riders and racial violence; it is a proclamation of power by the oppressor.

In Los Angeles, charges are still pending for a triple cross-burning that took place more than seven years ago, as lower court judges have repeatedly dismissed the case on free speech grounds. Yet in the wake of the first dismissal, several of the defendants became federal fugitives, and were ultimately convicted of such crimes as killing a state trooper, a fellow white-supremacist and a radio talk show host, and stealing millions in bank and armored car hold-ups.

In the wake of the second dismissal, two of the people involved in the cross-burning, Tom and John Metzger, were convicted in civil court for liability in the beating death of an African refugee. If the cross-burners had been effectively arrested, prosecuted, convicted and jailed, none of those killings might have occurred. That blood is on the hands of the judges who dismissed the charges.

GERMAN NAZIS RISE FROM THE GRAVE

Neo-nazis used Adolf Hitler's birthday to create disturbances in cities throughout Germany. Police reported more than 200 arrests and several attacks on foreigners on the 102nd anniversary of the Nazi's dictator's birth, the first anniversary since Germany united in October.

Fascists set fire to a tent used by Kurdish hunger-strikers in Osnabruck, in northwestern Germany, and three firebombs were thrown into a residence for foreign asylum-seekers near Hanover in the north. There were no injuries, and an 18-year-old was arrested for attacking the Kurds. Earlier, a Mozambican man died after he was attacked by neo-Nazis in Dresden and several people were injured in scattered violence in eastern Germany. Vandals hit an exhibit of modern art in Bad Soden near Frankfurt in central Germany during the night. Police said 32 paintings were slashed or disfigured with swastikas, and "Foreigners Out" was painted on the gallery wall.

Most of the extreme rightist disturbances were in depressed eastern Germany, but neo-nazi violence also occurred in big western cities. German authorities didn't ban the weekend marches by the rightists, but cops were out in force. Heavy police and troop reinforcements were sent into eastern Germany, where local police have been surprised repeatedly by rightist violence in the formerly Communist-run part of the country.

In the eastern city of Cottbus, more than 100 youths paraded with nationalist flags, blocked a street and threw bottles at cars and streetcars. Police arrested 108 people. Neo-Nazi disturbances were also reported before and after soccer matches in Leipzig and other eastern cities.

Fifty thugs were arrested in Leipzig, and police were searching for three youths who invaded a foreigners' residence there, broke furniture and shouted, "Do you know it's Hitler's birthday today?" The anti-foreigner violence actually started earlier in April, when thousands of Poles entered Germany in search of consumer goods after visa restrictions were lifted. Right-wing Germans tried to block three of 20 border crossings on April 6 and hit some Poles with stones.

German police detained 20 neo-nazis after 250 demonstrators clashed with police at the Frankfurt an der Oder crossing. Three people were injured, police said. About 30 young Germans blocked the Guben border crossing for more than an hour trying to keep Poles out. Police also reported an attempt to block the crossing at Goerlitz.

German tv said 50,000 Poles crossed into Germany the first day they could enter without visas. Many more had been expected, but the number was apparently kept down by the violence. "Poles are afraid of driving through Germany," said one Polish visitor after the melee in Frankfurt an der Oder, 45 miles east of downtown Berlin. Demonstrators there chanted the Third Reich salute "Sieg Heil!" and screamed "Germany for the Germans!" and "Out with foreigners!" as they battled police. They also stoned cars and a bus headed back to Poland from the Netherlands. Two Poles inside the bus were injured as was a police officer.

BIGOTED VIOLENCE UPDATE:

THOUSAND OAKS: Temple Adat Elohim was the target of arson on April 4 for the third time. The fire caused $8000 of damage.

SEATTLE, WA: Two racists, one a reputed KKK member, attacked a Black woman and her nephews on a bus Mar. 28, and have been charged with malicious harassment.

SAN DIEGO: Jeff Myrink and several other racists were sentenced in April for making threatening phone call to a Holocaust survivor. Bill Barnes and several other members of the para-military "Metal Militia" were sentenced for their attacks on immigrants along the border.

SHREVEPORT, LA: Grand Dragon Wayne Pierce was convicted in Feb. on weapons charges.

VISALIA: Harry Bodine, a right-to-lifer shot at Judge Howard Broadman in March. Broadman had ordered a woman surgically implanted with a contraceptive as a condition of probation on child abuse charges.

IRVINE: The Populist Party, a collection of "ex"Klansmen and anti-Semites, held a national conference at the Radisson hotel, featuring impeached ex-AZ gov. Evan Meacham.

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